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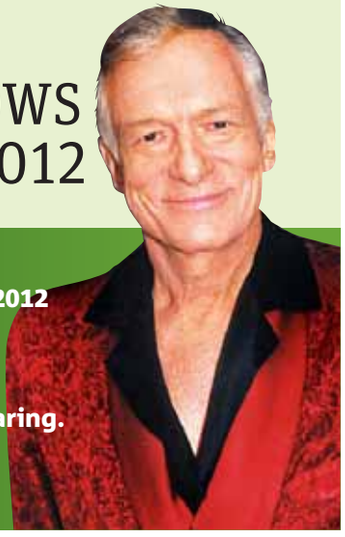

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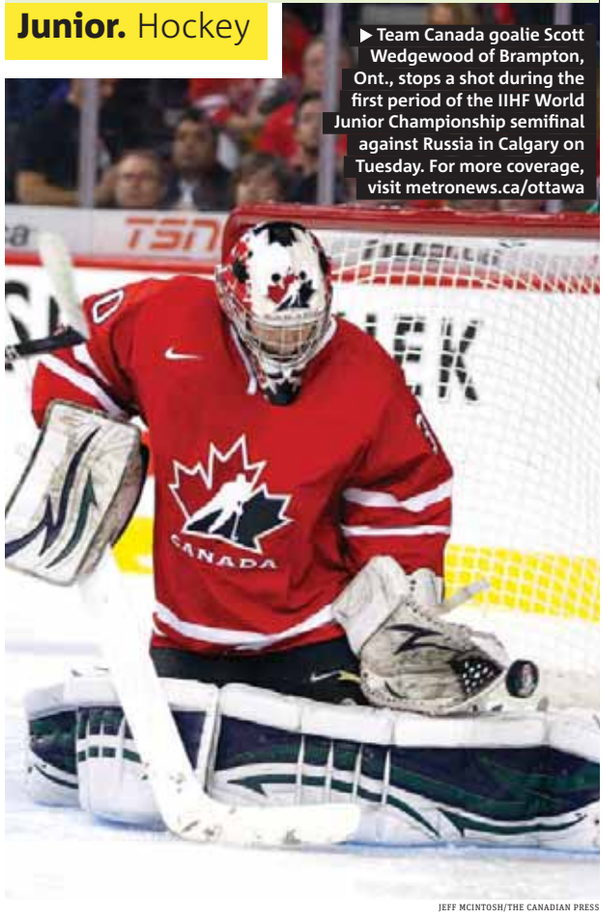

▶ Team Canada goalie Scott Wedgewood of Brampton, Ont., stops a shot during the first period of the IIHF World Junior Championship semifinal against Russia in Calgary on Tuesday. For more coverage, visit metronews.ca/ottawa

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Canada faces off in semis

Was mosque vandalism a hate crime?

- **Local mosque officials say it's just vandalism, but Canadian Council on American-Islamic Relations says it might be more**
- **Incident follows smashed windows in fall and last month**

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Gatineau police are hunting for a man who vandalized a local mosque and say they are probing whether the incident was a hate crime, a police spokesperson said Tuesday morning.

Around 2 a.m. Monday morning a man was caught on surveillance video breaking windows at the Outaouais Islamic Centre and damaging two cars in the parking lot, said Amadou Thiam, secretary of the mosque.

The man took the oil cap off the engine of one of the cars and stuffed paper inside, said Thiam.

The man tried to light the paper on fire but failed, and left the partly burned paper sticking out of the engine.

He'd removed the cap from the gas tank of the other car.

"On the surveillance video, you can see a car passed by and he ran away," said Thiam.

"We always said it was some teenager who passed by and threw a stone, or something like that, but this time we were worried because the cars were parked next to the mosque, and if he had set them on fire we would have a serious issue here," he said.

"This is a place of worship, and I think most of the people in Ottawa and Gatineau respect that because people come here to pray. No one wants to see a place of worship on fire," he added.

Officials at the mosque don't consider the vandalism a hate crime, said Thiam.

"We are very established in this community and in general we have a very good relationship with our community, and so we don't think this is a hate crime," he said.

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▶ Ottawa Hospital CEO Dr. Jack Kitts is paid $517,700 a year, plus a number of other benefits and incentive packages.

Hospitals reveal big bucks for bigwigs

Some Ontario hospital CEO contracts include health-club memberships worth $6,000 and severance-package options of more than $1 million

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The Ottawa Hospital's CEO makes more than $500,000 a year, plus benefits and bonus pay, and ranks among the highest-paid hospital executives in Ontario.

Hospitals across the province published contracts for their top execs Tuesday after having been made subject to freedom-of-information legislation.

Ottawa's top-earning hospital boss is the Ottawa Hospital's CEO Dr. Jack Kitts. He's paid $517,700 a year, plus a $12,000-a-year car allowance and a benefits package that includes French lessons — not to mention expenses and a potential bonus of up to 25 per cent of his base pay. He also gets six weeks of paid vacation.

According to the latest public disclosure to the Ministry of Finance, Kitts was paid $642,071.25 in salary plus $60,646.28 of taxable benefits in 2010.

The hospital's 11 vice-presidents and executive vice-presidents make base salaries between $196,070 and $356,090.

Ontario New Democrats want to cap hospital executive salaries at $418,000 — twice the premier's salary.

"I think it's time we put a halt to these growing salaries in Ontario," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

The party highlighted some of the highest examples, including Sunnybrook CEO Dr. Barry McLellan, who can make up to $758,000 when benefits are added to his base salary of $550,000.

However, Ottawa Hospital board chair Carole Workman said the salaries are needed to attract physicians to difficult administrative positions.

"In order for them to take these positions and lead hospitals through what are very difficult times ahead, we need to be able to offer salaries that are competitive and reflect the realities of these physicians and the practices they leave behind," said Workman.

CEO salaries

Here's a look at the 2010 earnings comparison (salary plus taxable benefits) of the highest-paid CEOs at major Ontario hospitals:

1. University Health Network CEO Robert Bell: $831,432
2. Mount Sinai Hospital CEO Joseph Mapa: $713,231
3. Hamilton Health Sciences CEO Martin Murray: $704,999
4. The Ottawa Hospital CEO Jack Kitts: $702,717
5. Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre CEO Barry McLellan: $693,080
6. St. Michael's Hospital CEO Robert Howard: $585,984

These are the salaries of CEOs at other Ottawa hospitals:

- Montfort Hospital CEO Bernard Leduc: $408,244
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario CEO Michel Bilodeau: $382,584
- Queensway Carleton Hospital CEO Tom Schonberg: $313,861

"The top CEOs in the hospital sector are being paid top dollar and are in fact being paid what I believe is an exorbitant amount, considering what everybody else in Ontario earns."
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Two sides far apart in shelter dispute

- Union says Sally Ann workers are on verge of strike
- Low pay leads to higher turnover: Union

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There appears to be a wide gulf between union workers and management at the Salvation Army's Booth Centre.

Workers at the Salvation Army's Booth Centre on George Street are on the verge of going on strike, says the local union president, if management refuses to budge on a tentative agreement.

Management sent a press release Tuesday reiterating its offer of a 7.5 per cent wage increase over three years and a $500 signing bonus for full-time employees. Bill Riopelle, president of Public Service Alliance of Canada local 73100, said he wants to negotiate a deal of 15 per cent over three years.

"Our members gave us an overwhelming mandate to strike if necessary, and that appears to be where we're heading at this time," Riopelle said. "It will probably be in the near future if nothing changes."

He added that the union is trying to avoid a strike that would see about 60 of its workers walk off the job.

The union wants to return to the negotiating table, but Riopelle said management has so far been reluctant to do so.

The bargaining committee accepted the initial offer of 7.5 per cent back in November, but when membership saw the numbers, they said it wasn't enough.

"I can't accept the high turnover of employees," said Riopelle. "Some people come there, gain a little experience, and go elsewhere where they can receive higher pay."

Police. Probe

▶ A police cruiser sits outside a parking garage near Robertson Hall at Carleton University where a 25-year-old man suffered burns to 90 per cent of his body Tuesday.

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Man found on fire

Security guards rushed to rescue a man on fire in a university parking garage around 1:35 p.m., extinguishing the fire before paramedics arrived. The man was conscious and was transported to hospital in critical condition. Police are investigating.

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North Koreans stage rally in support of new leader

In contrast to his father, Kim Jong-un is cultivating a distinctly public image

Pumping their fists and chanting, tens of thousands of North Koreans packed the snowy main square of the capital Tuesday to pledge their loyalty to new leader Kim Jong-un as the campaign to consolidate his power deepened.

State television also aired footage of Kim's recent visit to an elite tank unit with family and historical ties that showed him interacting with soldiers with ease and carrying out inspections much like father Kim Jong-il and grandfather Kim Il Sung did before him — footage that aimed to show off his youth and health and put his confidence and authority on display.

The rally and the footage were the latest steps in a carefully choreographed campaign to build support for North Korea's new leader that began the day news broke of Kim Jong-il's death last month. In swift succession, top officials from the powerful military and ruling Workers' Party have pledged their loyalty to the son, leaving no room for doubt about whether the young man would take power.

Kim Jong-il died Dec. 17 of a heart attack, leaving the nation of 24 million in the hands of his youngest son, who was a mystery even to the North Korean people until his emergence in September 2010 as his father's favoured successor.

Since Kim Jong-un, who is in his late 20s, was made a four-star general and a vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party, the campaign to groom him has been fast. Within a year, Kim Jong-un had become a fixture at his father's side for inspection visits to military units and factories and at official events.

Kim Jong-un did not have the benefit of 20 years of grooming as Kim Jong-il did when the latter's father, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, died in 1994 of a heart attack.

Instead, North Korea has sought to highlight Kim Jong-un's heritage as heir to North Korea's founding fathers, underlining his physical resemblance to the late president Kim Il Sung and characterizing him as an "identical" extension of his father.

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Cult of personality

- In the documentary of his military visit Sunday, Kim Jong-un was dressed in a long, dark overcoat similar to the coat his grandfather used to wear.
- He is shown in an exhibition room lined with black-and-white photos, including an image portraying a young Kim Il Sung.
- The footage also served to show the confidence of Kim, who mingled easily with soldiers and appeared to be giving them pointers.

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▶ Thousands of North Koreans rally in Pyongyang on Tuesday in support of their country's policies and new leader Kim Jong-un.

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Body found at royal estate

It's a case that Sherlock Holmes would have loved to unravel: British police say a woman's body has been found at the vast rural estate in Norfolk where Queen Elizabeth II and her family celebrated New Year's.

Police are treating the case as a murder, and an autopsy was conducted Tuesday to learn more about the cause of death and the identity of the victim.

The body was found on New Year's Day, five kilometres from the elegant country home of Sandringham in eastern England where the royals held a New Year's Day celebration in rural splendor.

Part of the sprawling royal estate is open to the public, and the body was found in a forest at Anmer, a hamlet of several dozen people on the estate northeast of London.

So far, there are more questions than answers about the strange discovery, which has shaken the normally quiet region where the Queen and her family typically enjoy riding horses and shooting parties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Police attend the scene at the Queen's Sandringham estate in Norfolk, England, on Tuesday.

Businessman launches fund to battle French genocide bill

A wealthy French businessman has launched a €1-million fund to pay the fine of anyone convicted in France for denying that the killing of Armenians by Turks almost a century ago was a genocide.

Rachid Nekkaz, who previously offered to pay the fines of Muslim women penalized for wearing a full-face veil, claims that the real target of the French bill is Islam, since Turkey is a Muslim country.

The bill still needs Senate approval to become law.

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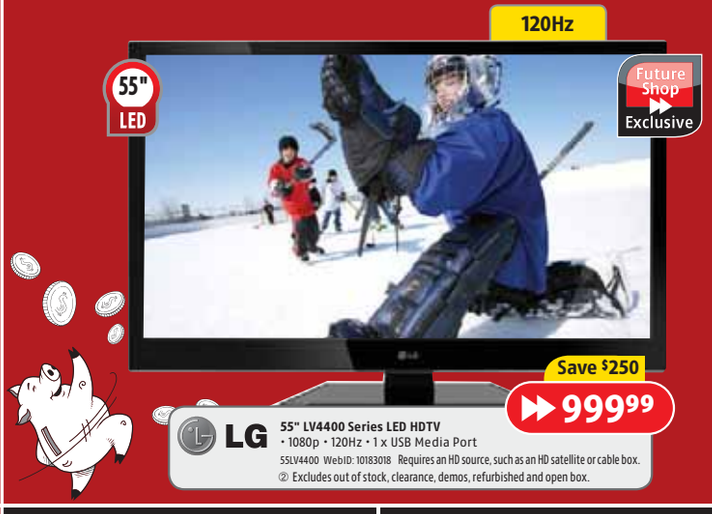

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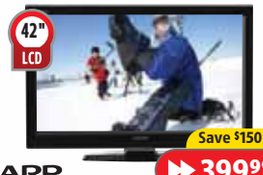

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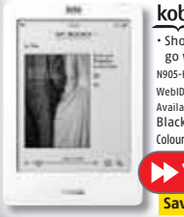

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Led by the nose? Court ponders drug-dog case

U.S. Supreme Court asked to decide whether dog's sniff amounts to unconstitutional police search

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▶ Miami-Dade police Det. Douglas Bartelt and sniffer dog Franky give a demonstration in Miami last month. Franky retired in June after a seven-year career that saw him sniff out more than 2.5 tons of marijuana and $4.9 million US in drug-contaminated money.

Franky the drug dog's supersensitive nose is at the heart of a question being put to the U.S. Supreme Court: Does a police dog's sniff outside a house give officers the right to get a search warrant for illegal drugs, or is the sniff an unconstitutional search?

Florida's highest state court has said Franky's ability to detect marijuana growing inside a Miami-area house from outside a closed front door crossed the constitutional line. The state's attorney general is asking the Supreme Court to reverse that ruling.

The judges could decide this month whether to take the case, the latest dispute about whether the use of dogs to find drugs, explosives and other illegal substances violates the Fourth Amendment protection against illegal search and seizure.

The case, Florida vs. Jardines, is being closely monitored by U.S. law-enforcement agencies, which depend on dogs for a wide range of policing duties.

"Dogs can be a police officer's best friend because they detect everything from marijuana or meth labs to explosives," said Kendall Coffey, a Miami lawyer.

On Dec. 5, 2006, Miami-Dade police and U.S. agents set up surveillance outside a house south of the city after getting a tip that it might contain a marijuana grow-op. Det. Douglas Bartelt arrived with Franky, who quickly detected the odour of pot at the base of the front door. That sniff was used to get a search warrant. Joelis Jardines, now 39, was arrested and officers pulled 179 marijuana plants from the house. Jardines pleaded not guilty to trafficking and his attorney challenged the search on constitutional grounds.

The Supreme Court has approved drug-dog sniffs in several other major cases, but those involved dogs that detected drugs in public places.

The Florida case involves a private residence. The high court has repeatedly said that a home is entitled to greater privacy than cars on the road or a suitcase in an airport.

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▶ In this picture taken last July, people eat at a popular restaurant sponsored by the Brazilian government in Sao Paulo.

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Striving for zero hunger globally

Jose Graziano da Silva, the new director-general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and former Brazilian food-security minister, is one of the creators of the nation's Zero Hunger social programs, among which is Bolsa Familia, or Family Grant, the biggest program that gives money directly to poor households. That same idea may now get a global tryout as world food prices spike, economies everywhere sputter and a horrific famine desolates East Africa.

Gap between rich and the 'rest of us' growing: Report

By noon a CEO can make an average Canadian's salary

The richest of the rich have gained more ground in Canada, and are now making 189 times the average Canadian wage, according to a new report.

The 100 highest paid chief executives whose companies are listed on the S&P/TSX composite index made an average of $8.38 million in 2010, according to figures pulled from circulars by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a left-leaning think-tank.

That's a 27 per cent raise from the $6.6 million average compensation for the top 100 CEOs in 2009, the report says.

Meanwhile, regular Canadians, who made an average of $44,366 working full time in 2010, have seen their wages stagnate over the past few years. In 2010, after adjusting for inflation, average wages actually fell.

"The gap between Canada's CEO elite 100 and the rest of us is growing at a fast and steady pace, with no signs of letting up," says economist Hugh Mackenzie, author of the report.

The driving forces behind the inequality gap lie in the structure of executive compensation packages, Mackenzie says. Consultants giving advice to corporate boards on how much to pay their CEOs only compare to other CEOs, while many companies use stock options for a their executives' bonuses, he says.

Regulating compensation packages won't really work, Mackenzie adds. Taxation is better, he says, allowing corporate boards to compensate as they please, while governments claw back on and redistribute excesses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Financial assurance lower with age: Poll

A new CIBC poll shows 64 per cent of Canadians feel positive about their current financial situation, a finding the bank describes as strong, but still five per cent lower than a year ago.

The poll, conducted for the bank in mid-November by Harris/Decima, also found that an even higher number of Canadians — 72 per cent — were confident they would reach their future financial goals, unchanged from last year.

Across age groups, confidence in achieving financial goals was generally strong, although there was a declining trend with age.

For example, among Canadians aged 18 to 34, 78 per cent said they were confident of reaching their financial goals. Among Canadians closer to retirement — those 55 to 64 — only 68 per cent felt their goals were achievable.

Responses varied by province, with those feeling good about meeting future goals running from a high of 85 per cent in Alberta to a low of 60 per cent in Quebec. Those happy with their financial situation ran from a high of 72 per cent, also in Alberta, to a low of 54 per cent in British Columbia. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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RIM board may get new chair

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News reports say Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie are considering relinquishing their titles as co-chairmen of the RIM board. The two also run the company as co-CEOs.

The company has not commented on an anonymously sourced report in the National Post that Barbara Stymiest, an independent member of the RIM board since 2007, is the leading candidate to take over the position. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Murdoch's wife's tweets just a hoax

A Twitter account purported to be linked to the wife of media mogul Rupert Murdoch has turned out to be bogus. Twitter spokeswoman Rachel Bremer said that the site "mistakenly verified" the @WendiDeng account as genuine. Meanwhile, a News International spokesperson confirmed that Rupert Murdoch's account is genuine. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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JUST SAYIN' ...

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It happens every year about this time.

When I'm asleep, someone sneaks into the bedroom and switches all my clothes for a size smaller, then removes the perfectly good mirror hanging on the wall and replaces it with one of those funhouse mirrors that make you look fatter than you really are.

I'm not making this up. And, to be clear, it has nothing to do with Christmas cake.

I don't know who these people are or why this is their idea of a good time. All I know is that I have to go on a diet every year so I don't have to go naked. Which, if the funhouse mirror is any indication, would not be pretty.

There was a time "going on a diet" was simple and involved cottage cheese. Then that wasn't good enough and you had to have non-fat cottage cheese. Now, according to the latest nutritional science, cottage cheese is a no-no, as dairy products are linked to cancer, heart disease, irritable bowel syndrome and Dutch elm disease.

"The head of the Harvard School of Public Health says it's 'udderly ridiculous' for the USDA Food Pyramid to recommend three glasses of milk a day."

Don't take my word for it. The head of the Harvard School of Public Health says it's "udderly ridiculous" for the USDA Food Pyramid to recommend three glasses of milk a day, and more than implies that the new improved Pyramid, revised just last year, is as much a result of intense lobbying by the National Dairy Council and other food pressure groups as it is a product of nutrition science.

These guys play for keeps. Who can forget that the beef industry sued Oprah when she announced she was giving up red meat because it's bad for you (not to mention what it does to the cow)? And when they're not trying to herd Oprah, they're trying to get ketchup and fries declared daily servings of fruits and vegetables.

So if you can't trust the Food Pyramid, who can you trust? These days, if you believe nutritional gurus such as Michael Pollan ("Eat Food. Not too much. Mostly plants.") it's not enough to watch the cupcakes for a few weeks, you have to be born again, with vegetables.

The poster boy for the lifelong-mostly-plants-no-cheating-no-fun diet is none other than good old Bill Clinton who never met a Krispy Kreme or an intern he didn't like. Until he had heart-bypass surgery.

Have you seen him lately? America's First Vegan has come out the other side of the funhouse mirror and looks more like Lance Armstrong than the Pillsbury Doughboy.

If Bill Clinton can change his evil ways, anyone can.

So hallelujah and pass the garbanzos. These are gonna be my salad days, whether I like it or not.

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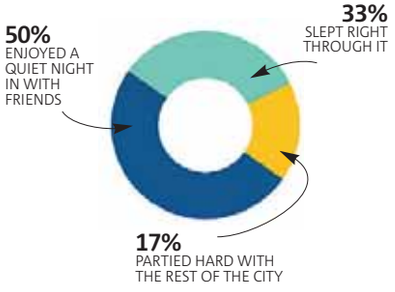
On New Year's Eve, you ...



Local tweets

@Kimmys444: It's cold #ottawa

@niccai: I had no idea Shopify was in Ottawa. That's cool. Thanks @snookca.

@AllysApparition: "Don't cry outside; your eyeballs will freeze" - @MerryEileen #ottawa#gloomies

@Landon_Peng: Going to a Ottawa senators game Thursday and sitting In the VIP section for family<3 #lifesgood :D

@BenjaminGallant: I'm glad to see the snow sculptor who lives near my home in Ottawa is back at it again this season! http://pic.twitter.com/p0mmOTZH

@boomottawa: By right...NOW...the top 100 CEOs in Canada have made YOUR yearly salary. Is it too early in the year to ask for a raise?

@mrbradysteele: #alfie rally was #Sens sational! Go to NHL.com/vote & make sure #Ottawa represents #NHL all-star game pic.twitter.com/HVAOJiFF

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Buried alive

This cat really does have 9 lives

Janita Coombs plays with her cat, Andrea, at her Syracuse, Utah, home in the above photo.

The Utah city may put an end to its gas chamber after Andrea survived a shelter's two attempts to euthanize her. Animal-shelter volunteers were expected to appear at a West Valley City Council meeting Tuesday evening to make the case for using lethal injections instead. Andrea had not been adopted for 30 days when shelter officials tried to put her to death in October.

She survived, so they gassed her again.

Shelter officials presumed she was dead when they put her in a plastic bag in a cooler.

She was later found alive.

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"It was just one of those things where they thought this cat obviously really wants to live.... Let's give it a chance to find a permanent home."

WEST VALLEY CITY SPOKESMAN AARON CRIM TOLD THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A will to live

- Shelter officials still aren't sure why the gassing failed to kill Andrea. The other cats with her in the euthanasia chamber that day all died.
- Volunteers say euthanasia by lethal injections of sodium pentobarbital would be more humane than the gas chamber, and also cheaper.

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▶ Bonnie Morgan plays Rosa in The Devil Inside.

Bringing hellfire back

The Devil Inside is a return to classic possession movies Joins long line of spook shows

IN FOCUS

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Demonic possession has been terrifying moviegoers for decades.

The Exorcist, the most famous fiendish film, created such a stir with audiences that in 1973 Newsweek ran a cover story entitled The Exorcism Frenzy. Complete with stories of queasy theatre-goers and their Exorcist barf bags, it helped create hysteria and make the movie one of the biggest hits of the year.

The impact The Exorcist had on audiences has yet to be duplicated by any of the dozens of possession movies released in its wake, but this weekend's The Devil Inside is hoping to bring a little good old-fashioned hellfire back to theatres.

The devil, of course, is the star of any possession movie, even if you don't actually see him. What's more petrifying than the idea of Old Scratch taking over your body and making your head spin 360 degrees?

But what about the brave priests who battle Beelzebub? Here's a few cinematic celebrants who have gone mano-a-mano with Mephistopheles.

Father Lankester Merrin, as portrayed by Max von Sydow in The Exorcist, presided over the most famous Satan skirmish.

The statuesque Swedish actor played Merrin twice — he's seen in flashbacks in Exorcist II: The Heretic — while Stellan Skarsgård played him in two prequels.

The loopiest of devil hunters must be Father Pierre Barre (Michael Gothard) from the Ken Russell film The Devils. He is a corrupt and despicable holy man who convinces a group of terrified nuns to fake a mass possession with the words, "You will scream! You will blaspheme!" His other questionable methods include "forcible colonic irrigation" with holy water and torture.

Barre isn't the only real life exorcist to be portrayed on film, however. Both The Rite, starring Anthony Hopkins as a real life exorcist tutor and The Exorcism of Emily Rose with Tom Wilkinson as a priest accused of murder when a young woman died during an exorcism, are based on true stories.

More fanciful is Leslie Nielsen as Father Mayii in Repossessed, an Exorcist parody co-starring Linda Blair, who played the possessee in the original film. When told she "has an ungodly voice and maniacal facial expressions" the skeptical Mayii replies, "That doesn't prove a thing! She could be related to Joe Cocker."

And finally, Beetlejuice has a different kind of exorcist. Michael Keaton plays a supernatural character called in as a "bio-exorcist" to rid a house of its human inhabitants.

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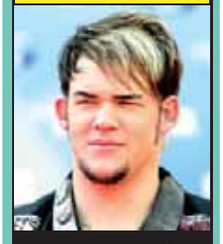
Idol



American Idol finalist James Durbin has married longtime girlfriend Heidi Lowe in a New Year's Eve ceremony at the edge of a California redwood forest.
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Tim McGraw album "Emotional Traffic," at centre of recent court battle, to be released Jan. 24

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Hefner states the obvious for 2012

- Our boy Hugh takes an oath to avoid the institution of marriage this year
- 85-year-old Playboy founder says he 'missed a bullet' with Crystal Harris

THE WORD

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After a tumultuous 2011 that saw his engagement to Crystal Harris (who I like to think of as a very low-rent Kardashian in her media manipulation) fizzle, Hugh Hefner, 85, is vowing to avoid marriage for 2012.

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▶ Hugh Hefner

▶ Crystal Harris

"This year has been a very interesting year for me. I almost got married," Hefner tells People magazine.

"And as Holly [Madison] — a dear friend and former girlfriend — said, 'Well, you missed a bullet.' I think that's accurate. I am clearly not meant to be married. Married life isn't for me."

You'd think the man who is known as an international playboy and has called a mansion filled with frolicking naked women home for most of his life would have figured that out, oh, about 65 years ago.

Celebrity tweets

@EllenBarkin
The fortune in my fortune cookie said "Character is the cornerstone of success." I think my cookie is stale.

@JonahHill
I'm pretty sure "Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close" is about my Mom.

@rupertmurdoch
NY cold and empty, even central park. Nice!

@SethMacFarlane
By now I bet Demi Moore is getting sick of Patrick Swayze's ghost always trying to contact her.

▶ Mel Gibson

Robyn Moore: Ka-ching!

The divorce between Mel Gibson and his wife of 30 years, Robyn Moore, was finalized just before Christmas after more than two years of negotiations, according to Entertainment Weekly.

While the details of the settlement are being kept confidential, sources say Moore walked away with half of Gibson's estimated $850 million fortune.

She also retains custody of the couple's 12-year-old son, Thomas. Moore filed for divorce in 2009 shortly after it was revealed that Gibson's then-girlfriend, Oksana Grigorieva, was pregnant. METRO

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No mini B yet

Rumours were flying last week that Beyoncé had given birth in New York just before Christmas, but clearly that wasn't the case, according to one onlooker who spotted the mother-to-be with husband Jay-Z on New Year's Eve in Brooklyn. "She was

"She looked amazing. She wore sky-high heels. It was really impressive for an enormously pregnant woman. She looked like she was about to give birth." SOURCE

▶ Beyoncé

definitely a pregnant lady that night," the source tells Us Weekly. METRO

A little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Add Aretha Franklin to the growing list of celebrities who used the Christmas and New Year's holidays to get engaged.

The Queen of Soul is officially planning to marry Willie Wilkerson, her reps confirm to the Associated Press. "No, I'm not pregnant," 69-year-old Franklin joked.

The couple plans to marry this summer in Miami Beach, with Wilkerson hosting a reception aboard a private yacht. METRO

▶ Aretha Franklin

A taste of real Mexico

Beyond the beaches and resorts of Mazatlan lies a world of natural beauty and quaint towns

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN

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Mazatlan, Mexico, is famous for its long-winding Golden Zone, packed with tourists, resorts, and fantastic beaches, but beyond all the glitter lies a world of adventure rarely seen.

Soon after reaching the outskirts of town I was surprised how different and desolate greater Mazatlan really is when you leave the comfort of the all-inclusive resort.

In the middle of the back country we traded our air conditioned SUV, for roaring bush ATVs, and that's when the fun started. Here is a Mexico rarely seen.

Our guide warned us that the trails would be bumpy with a lot of large rocks and potholes.

There are potholes and then there are craters, which I soon found myself roaring through, as we made our way all through the dense jungle-like growth.

I felt privileged to catch a glimpse of the real Mexico, with beautiful scenery, peaceful rivers, and even the odd lazy lizard sunning itself.

As we roared on on our trusty quads, we suddenly emerged from the bush to find a great little Mexican village seemingly in the middle of nowhere.

The locals in this town, which we learned was called La Noria, couldn't have been more friendly, despite the fact we were invading their space like a group of Hells Angels bikers.

Young and old smiled, waved and even cheered as we roared down the main street.

It was almost like being in a time warp watching villagers fetching water from a well and tanning leather to make belts. This, in the end, turned out to be well worth the sore back and dusty throat.

Our reward for making it through it all was a whirlwind stop at the Blue Agave distillery. This, amigos, is where they make the fun juice.

This historic Tequila factory draws mucho tourists who observe the ancient process of making real tequila from the locally grown blue agave plant.

It is strong stuff. And I do mean strong!

Luckily I had a designated driver to take me back to the comfort of the Golden Zone and my cool little all inclusive hotel, the El Cid.

I've been pretty much all over Mexico, and can honestly say that Mazatlan ranks among my very favourite spots in this country.

Despite that the area has been given a bit of a bad rap recently with reports of increased gang crime, I felt perfectly safe walking the streets on my way to my favourite watering hole in all of Mexico, Joe's Oyster Bar!

This place is the perfect beachfront venue to cap off a busy day on ATVS in the bush.

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▶ Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mazatlan is an 1875 church that was restored just a few years ago.

▶ ATVs are a great way to explore the backroads of Mazatlan. Just watch out for potholes!

Other cool things to do in Mazatlan

- **Check out the downtown history:** Visit the stunning Cathedral Basilica built in 1875. It was restored a few years ago and the interior is nothing short of spectacular. There is a lot of great architecture in this old part of town.
- **Mazatlan Aquarium:** One of the coolest Sea Lion shows you'll ever see, along with tons of exotic creatures including crocodiles, exotic birds and much more. acuariomazatlan.com
- **Estrella Del Mar Golf Course:** Rated one of the best golf courses in Mexico, this course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and combines great play with breathtaking scenery. estrelladelmar.com

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Travel in brief

With all the fantastic food on board a first-class cruise ship, it may not be the ideal place to count calories. Only 10 per cent of cruisers worry they will gain weight on their vacation, says the Cruise Lines International Association. A major shipboard trend is the addition of more choice of restaurants and cuisines, especially on the new larger vessels, says North America's largest cruise industry organization. In a recent study, more than half of experienced cruisers ranked fine dining as the No. 1 benefit of a cruise vacation, says the association. Three-quarters of consumers said they were looking for new and different dining experiences onboard ships, while 65 per cent also want traditional dining.

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Free ferry service from Galveston may be Lone Star State's best tourist bargain.

A French twist on outer space

Think space tourism is out of your price range? At Quebec's Cosmodome, space missions cost only $15

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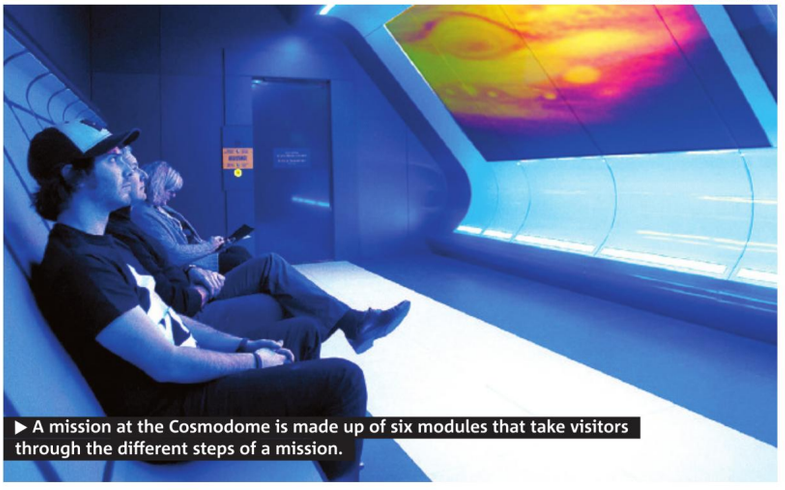

▶ A mission at the Cosmodome is made up of six modules that take visitors through the different steps of a mission.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to travel and live in space? Maybe the Cosmodome in Laval, Que., can help you explore the universe — minus the $35-million cost of being a space tourist.

The space science centre, north of Montreal, has undergone an extensive overhaul aimed at giving visitors a taste of space exploration.

Visitors have a choice of three virtual missions, each one lasting 60 minutes.

A mission costs $15 per adult and also provides access to the museum's space exhibit, which includes artifacts and a tribute to Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.

A mission is made up of six modules that take visitors through the different steps of a space mission from start to finish.

It starts at the "Departures" gate where you're given a special bracelet that unlocks the touch screens along the way.

As you walk through the shiny corridors, which look like something out of Star Trek, there's a feeling that you're inside a futuristic space ship.

Following the centre's $10.5-million facelift, the first mission — The Outer Limits of the Cosmos — opened recently to visitors.

In it, a user must choose a planet and then program and launch a virtual space probe toward it. The user controls the virtual satellite and, along the way, gets to discover some of the mysteries of the solar system.

Finishing touches are being put on the other two missions — The Red Planet: Destination Mars and The Impossible Dream — and they should be ready by the end of January.

The Mars mission is being marketed as preparation for people to become astronauts and perform a long-duration, two and a half year voyage to and from the red planet.

Sylvain Belair, the Cosmodome's executive director, says a McGill University space expert was consulted and all mission scripts were approved by a scientific committee.

Belair says The Impossible Dream mission allows visitors to relive the conquest of space over the last 50 years.

It looks back on the Apollo program, the U.S. space shuttles and the International Space Station.

Belair says the Cosmodome wants to spark young people's interest in space exploration because they're the ones who will eventually be pioneers on the red planet.

"The first person who will set foot on Mars is currently living on Earth," Belair said.

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If you go...

- The Cosmodome is located at 2150 des Laurentides Highway, Laval, Que. For more information, call 450-978-3600 or visit cosmodome.org.

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CRUISE roundtrip Los Angeles and visit Cabo San Lucas (overnight) and Puerto Vallarta. Sails Sep 22/ccl. UPGRADE to oceanview stateroom for $14 per night.

Mediterranean 9-Night Cruise $499
Norwegian Jade — + taxes & fees $109
CRUISE Barcelona roundtrip and visit Funchal, Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Arrecife & Malaga. Sails Feb 18/ncl.

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Departs Jan 22/swg/wg.

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INCLUDES Art Deco accom. Departs Jan 23/ggv/ws. UPGRADE to 4-star Sea View for $60 per night. ADD Everglades tour for $98.

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Cooking with coffee

Warm up on a cold winter's day with homemade café au lait steamers ◗ You don't need an expensive espresso machine for this recipe

"Black as the devil, hot as hell, pure as an angel, sweet as love." That's how 19th-century French philosopher-politician Talleyrand described coffee. He would have appreciated these coffee-based treats.

Drink of the week

Classic Irish Coffee

- 90 mL (3 oz) 35% whipping cream
- 500 mL (16 oz) hot coffee
- 8 white sugar cubes
- 125 mL (4 oz) Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey

Pour cream into a blender and blend to slightly thicken cream; set blender jar on ice. Place 2 white sugar cubes in the bottom of each Irish coffee glass or goblet. Pour 125 mL (4 oz) hot coffee into each glass. Pour 30 mL (1 oz) whiskey into coffee. Pour cold cream over the back of a spoon on top of each drink where it will float. Makes 4 servings.

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Ingredients :

- 250 mL (1 cup) strong brewed coffee
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) sugar
- 500 mL (2 cups) milk
- Ground cinnamon, for garnish

Preparation:

1. In a saucepan or large glass measuring cup, combine coffee and sugar. Gradually whisk in milk until blended. Heat in saucepan over medium heat or in microwave on medium (50 per cent) power until steaming, about 3 to 5 minutes.
2. To froth milk: Using a battery-powered latte whip or a whisk attachment on an immersion blender, whip hot milk mixture until frothy. Or transfer to an upright blender or milk frother and blend or pump until frothy.
3. Pour into 2 warmed latte bowls or large mugs and sprinkle or drizzle with cinnamon.

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▶ This recipe makes 2 servings.

Coffee lovers are sure to enjoy this decadent lemon-and-coffee cake ◗ Use coffee in the cake batter and the icing to enhance its flavour ◗ Enjoy a slice with your favourite brew, a café au lait or a classic Irish coffee

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▶This recipe makes 10 to 12 servings.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. In a large bowl, cream butter with sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and sour cream with an electric mixer. Stir in milk and set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, mix flour with baking powder. Blend into butter mixture gradually, beating until smooth. Add lemon juice and rind. Mix well.
4. Pour mixture into a 23-cm (9-inch) buttered round cake pan. Bake for 1 hour.
5. Let stand for 10 minutes and remove from pan.
6. Spread with Lemon Coffee Icing. Sprinkle cake with chocolate vermicelli to decorate.
7. To make Lemon Coffee Icing: Squeeze lemon juice into a small bowl and strain to remove pits. In a food processor, cream lemon juice, coffee, butter and half the sugar. Whip in remaining sugar until mixture is thick and creamy. Spread cake with icing. Chill 2 hours before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 500 mL (2 cups) sugar
- 125 mL (½ cup) softened butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 75 mL (⅓ cup) sour cream
- 250 mL (1 cup) milk
- 750 mL (3 cups) all-purpose flour
- 10 mL (2 tsp) baking powder
- Juice and rind of 1 lemon
- Chocolate vermicelli

For Lemon Coffee Icing:

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) strong coffee
- 50 mL (¼ cup) softened butter
- 500 mL (2 cups) icing sugar

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MAY OLD WORK CASES BE FORGOT

2011 saw many workers lose their cases by way of self-sabotage
Take heed of these tips for a successful 2012 at the office

WORKPLACE LAW

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2011 was the year of the employer as this column was replete with examples of employees wrecking their own cases, often through ignorance of the law, indifference, or worse, poor advice.

In light of these multiple failures, here is an offering of my top dos and don'ts for employees in 2012.

Document disputes
Written documents do not lie. People do. If you find yourself in a workplace dispute, take steps to document and then preserve your version of the events. Most court cases are resolved based on credibility so do not leave yours to memory.

Employment contracts
The single biggest problem in workplace law is that employees quickly sign contracts that reduce or eliminate their legal rights. Courts uphold these agreements even if they are one-sided, so avoid signing them or at least negotiate on the more unfavourable terms.

Off-duty conduct
Many employees believe that off-duty conduct cannot justify discipline. They are mistaken. Off-duty conduct that, in one way or another, demonstrates a revelation of poor character or is injurious to an employer's interests can result in dismissal. Similarly blog postings, social networking and emailing among coworkers are likely being monitored. Be careful what you write, otherwise it may follow you back to your desk.

Policy manuals
These documents are neglected by employees, often to their detriment. There were a number of court cases in 2011 that were ultimately decided in favour of employers on the basis of obscure language in their policy manuals, without any regard to what was otherwise fair. Read your policy manuals carefully.

Challenge workplace changes
An employer cannot unilaterally change any important working conditions without your consent. Many try to anyway. If you do not approve of the change, then you must protest it. By doing nothing, you will be deemed to agree.

Don't tolerate abuse:
2011 saw many high-profile harassment cases played out in the media and the courts. While judges may have previously been unsympathetic or reluctant to become involved in harassment claims, this is no longer the case. Employees with legitimate grievances should not remain 'in the closet' with their claims.

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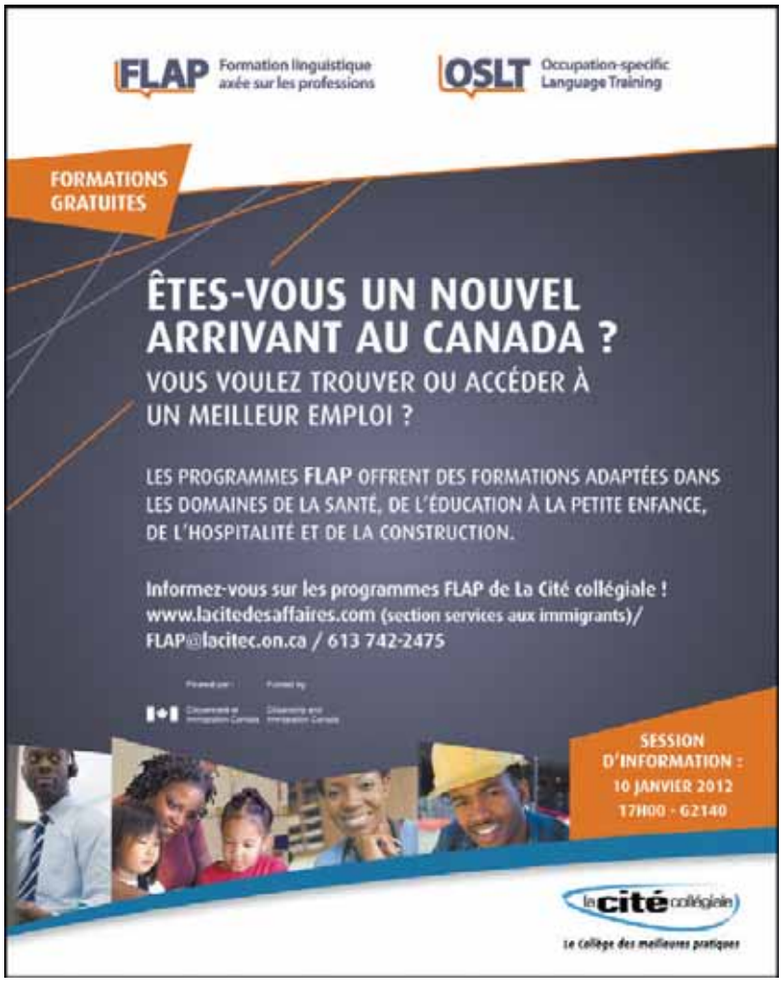
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Victory: How Swede it is

Friberg shootout hero as Sweden edges Finland 3-2 in world junior hockey semis

3	2
SWEDEN	FINLAND

JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Swedish goalie Johan Gustafsson celebrates his team's win over Finland on Tuesday.

Max Friberg scored the winner in a shootout to lead Sweden to a 3-2 win over Finland in semifinal action at the men's world junior hockey championships on Tuesday.

Friberg also scored his tournament-leading eighth goal in regulation and added an assist for Sweden. The Swedes advanced to Thursday's gold-medal game against the winner of the other semifinal clash between Canada and Russia.

William Karlsson had a goal for Sweden, which finished 1-for-3 on the power play.

Alexander Ruuttu and Joel Armia scored for Finland, which didn't have a single chance with the man advantage in the contest.

Johan Gustafsson made 22 saves to record the win in the Swedish net, while Sami Aittokallio stopped 55-of-57 shots he faced for Finland at the other end of the ice.

Finland will play for bronze on Thursday afternoon against the loser of the Canada-Russia game.

Earlier Tuesday, the United States downed Latvia 12-2 in a relegation game.

Sweden opened the tournament with a 9-4 win over Latvia before squeaking past Switzerland 4-3 in a shootout. After a 9-1 win over Slovakia, Sweden earned top spot in Pool A and a bye into the semifinal by virtue of a come-from-behind 4-3 overtime win over Russia.

After opening the tournament with an 8-1 loss to Canada, Finland beat the United States 4-1, trounced Denmark 10-1 and blanked the Czech Republic 4-0.

The Finns then downed Slovakia 8-5 in quarter-final action on Monday and vowed to play better defensively in their sudden-death showdown against the Swedes.

Early in the first period, Gustaffson made a nice chest save to stop a shot from Finnish forward Joonas Donskoi.

At the other end of the ice, Aittokallio stood his ground to deny a scoring attempt by Sweden's Rickard Rakell.

Aittokallio then kicked out his left pad to stop a shot that was tipped in the slot by Karlsson.

Not to be outdone, Gustaffson made a nice pad save to thwart a great scoring attempt by Finland's Teemu Pulkkinen, who one-timed a pass from Mikael Granlund on net.

Despite being outshot 14-6 in the first period, Finland emerged with a 1-0 lead on a late goal by Ruuttu.

On the play, Miro Aaltonen skated down the left wing into the Swedish zone and around both Mattias Backman and Rickard Rakell before sending a perfect pass into the slot to Ruuttu, who snapped a quick shot past Gustaffson.

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Quoted

"I'm working hard to pick up the language as much as I can and as quickly as I can."

INTERIM CANADIENS COACH RANDY CUNNEYWORTH, WHO SAID TUESDAY HE IS WORKING ON LEARNING FRENCH AND HOPES THAT SIGNIFICANT STRIDES WILL BE MADE BY THE TIME THE DECISION IS MADE ON WHO WILL BE BEHIND THE BENCH NEXT SEASON. OWNER GEOFF MOLSON AND GENERAL MANAGER PIERRE GAUTHIER HAVE PROMISED THEY WILL HAVE A COACH WHO CAN SPEAK FRENCH IN PLACE FOR THE 2012-13 CAMPAIGN.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	37	24	9	1	3	110	79	52	11-3-0-2	13-6-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Boston	35	24	10	0	1	123	68	49	13-6-0-1	11-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Florida	39	20	12	3	4	103	107	47	10-4-1-4	10-8-2-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Philadelphia	37	22	11	2	2	125	109	48	8-6-1-1	14-5-1-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Pittsburgh	38	21	13	2	2	121	100	46	11-5-2-0	10-8-0-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Ottawa	40	20	15	3	2	123	135	45	12-8-0-1	8-7-3-1	7-3-0-0	W3
New Jersey	38	21	15	1	1	105	108	44	10-6-0-1	11-9-1-0	7-2-1-0	L1
Winnipeg	38	19	14	3	2	104	107	43	14-6-0-1	5-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Washington	37	20	15	0	2	111	109	42	13-5-0-1	7-10-0-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Toronto	38	18	15	3	2	118	125	41	8-5-2-2	10-10-1-0	3-5-2-0	L3
Buffalo	38	17	17	2	2	100	112	38	9-9-2-2	8-8-0-0	2-6-1-1	L3
Tampa Bay	37	17	17	1	2	104	122	37	11-5-0-0	6-12-1-2	5-4-1-0	W3
Montreal	39	14	18	2	5	99	110	35	5-7-2-4	9-11-0-1	3-7-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	36	13	17	4	2	84	113	32	8-9-3-0	5-8-1-2	4-6-0-0	W2
Carolina	40	13	21	4	2	103	135	32	9-10-0-2	4-11-4-0	4-4-2-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	39	24	11	1	3	128	111	52	14-4-0-3	10-7-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Vancouver	40	24	13	0	3	131	99	51	11-5-0-2	13-8-0-1	6-3-0-1	L2
d-Los Angeles	40	19	14	3	4	87	92	45	11-9-0-2	8-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	L1
Detroit	38	24	13	1	0	123	84	49	15-2-1-0	9-11-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Minnesota	40	21	13	2	4	95	95	48	11-6-1-2	10-7-1-2	1-6-0-3	L1
St. Louis	38	21	12	0	5	95	85	47	14-3-0-2	7-9-0-3	5-3-0-2	L3
Nashville	39	21	14	3	1	105	108	46	11-6-2-1	10-8-1-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Colorado	41	22	18	1	0	110	116	45	13-10-0-0	9-8-1-0	8-2-0-0	W3
San Jose	35	20	11	3	1	102	85	44	12-7-2-0	8-4-1-1	5-2-2-1	W1
Dallas	37	21	15	0	1	100	107	43	12-6-0-1	9-9-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Phoenix	39	19	16	2	2	102	103	42	7-8-2-1	12-8-0-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Calgary	40	18	17	3	2	99	111	41	10-5-1-1	8-12-2-1	4-3-2-1	L3
Edmonton	38	16	19	0	3	104	107	35	10-6-0-2	6-13-0-1	3-7-0-0	W1
Anaheim	37	10	21	2	4	87	124	26	7-11-1-0	3-10-1-4	2-7-0-1	L2
Columbus	38	10	23	1	4	93	128	25	6-11-1-2	4-12-0-2	2-7-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Calgary at Washington
Edmonton at Buffalo
Tampa Bay at Toronto
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina
Phoenix at St. Louis
Detroit at Dallas
Monday's results
Edmonton 4 Chicago 3
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (OT)
San Jose 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
Colorado 2 Los Angeles 1 (SO)
NHL WINTER CLASSIC
At Philadelphia
N.Y. Rangers 3 Philadelphia 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MONDAY

SENATORS 3, DEVILS 2 (OT)

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 4:53.
Second Period
1. New Jersey, Zubrus 11 (Sykora) 7:47
2. New Jersey, Clarkson 14 (Zajac, Tedenby) 14:18
Penalties — Kovalchuk NJ (slashing) 0:39, Zajac NJ (tripping) 2:26, Salvador NJ (holding) 11:03, Boulton NJ, Neil Ott (fighting) 14:20.
Third Period
3. Ottawa, Spezza 14 (Karlsson, Anderson) 1:21
4. Ottawa, Condra 7 (Kuba) 13:17 (sh)
Penalties — Spezza Ott (tripping) 11:20, Clarkson NJ (hooking) 2:58.
Overtime
5. Ottawa, Alfredsson 12 (Karlsson, Spezza) 4:00 (pp)
Penalty — Clarkson NJ (hooking) 2:58.
Shots

New Jersey	9	9	8	3—29
Ottawa	9	9	9	5—32

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (L,11-9-0); Ottawa: Anderson (W,18-12-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-2; Ottawa: 1-4. **Referees** — Mike Leggo, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Andy McElman, Brian Murphy. **Attendance** — 19,573 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SHARKS 3, CANUCKS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Hansen 12 (Hodgson) 15:42
Penalties — Murray SJ (interference) 2:57, Murray SJ (interference) 16:13, Burrows Vcr (hooking) 17:24, Demers SJ (high-sticking) 19:05.
Second Period
2. San Jose, Ferriero 3 (Clowe, Couture) 1:34
3. San Jose, Marleau 14 (Braun, Pavelski) 10:32
Penalties — Ebbett Vcr (tripping) 3:02, Vlasic SJ (slashing), Burrows Vcr (slashing) 19:48.
Third Period
4. Vancouver, Hodgson 9 (Hamhuis, Bieksa) 11:35 (pp)
Penalties — Demers SJ (tripping) 1:40, Burns SJ (high-sticking) 2:31, Luongo Vcr (delay of game; served by D.Sedin) 6:05, Clowe SJ (holding) 10:31.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
San Jose wins 1-0
San Jose (1) — Clowe, miss; Pavelski, miss; Handzus, goal; **Vancouver (0)** — Burrows, miss; Hodgson, miss; Kesler, miss.
Shots

San Jose	7	17	9	2—35
Vancouver	9	7	11	2—29

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (W,16-7-4); Vancouver: Luongo (SOL,16-8-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 0-3; Vancouver: 1-6. **Referees** — Dean Morton, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Brad Lazarowich, Don Henderson. **Attendance** — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

OILERS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

First Period
1. Chicago, J.Toews 22 (Carcillo) 12:54
Penalties — Carcillo Chi (hooking) 3:54, Potter Edm (holding) 7:27.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Smyth 15 (Horcoff, Hall) 7:39 (pp)
3. Edmonton, Hall 11 (Eberle, Potter) 11:00 (pp)
4. Chicago, Brunette 9 (Hjalmarsson, Kane) 12:39
5. Edmonton, Sutton 2 (Eberle, Smyth) 16:23
Penalties — Hemsky Edm (hooking) 3:11, Carcillo Chi (boarding major, game misconduct) 7:23, Sharp Chi (cross-checking) 18:47.
Third Period
6. Edmonton, Eager 3 (Petry, Gagner) 8:17
7. Chicago, Hayes 1 (Bickell, Mayers) 16:11
Penalties — Belanger Edm (double high-sticking) 11:14, Jones Edm (goaltender interference) 16:23.
Shots

Edmonton	11	13	6	30
Chicago	10	9	23	42

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,5-9-0); Chicago: Crawford (L,15-9-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 2-5; Chicago: 0-5. **Referees** — Steve Kozari, Francois St. Laurent. **Linesmen** — Bryan Pancich, Scott Driscoll. **Attendance** — 21,216 (19,717) at Chicago.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	18	28	46
H.Sedin, Vcr	10	36	46
Kessel, Tor	21	23	44
D.Sedin, Vcr	17	27	44
Stamkos, TB	26	17	43
Malkin, Pgh	15	28	43
Hossa, Chi	17	24	41
Eberle, Edm	16	25	41
Lupul, Tor	17	23	40
Spezza, Ott	14	26	40
Toews, Chi	22	17	39
Vanek, Buf	18	21	39
Backstrom, Wash	13	26	39
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
Pominville, Buf	12	27	39

Not including last night's games

HOCKEY

2012 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

All Times Eastern

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

At Calgary
Yesterday's results
SEMIFINALS
Sweden 3 Finland 2 (SO)
Canada vs. Russia
Monday's results
QUARTER-FINALS
Finland 8 Slovakia 5
Russia 2 Czech Republic 1 (OT)
Tonight's game
FIFTH PLACE
Czech Republic vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
BRONZE MEDAL
Finland vs. Canada/Russia Loser, 3:30 p.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Sweden vs. Canada/Russia Winner, 8 p.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

Yesterday's result
U.S. 12 Latvia 2
Monday's result
Switzerland 4 Denmark 3 (OT)
Today's games
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.
Switzerland vs. U.S., 5 p.m.

2012 WORLD U-17 CHALLENGE

At sites in Southwestern Ontario

PLAYOFFS

Yesterday's results
At Windsor, Ont.
SEMIFINALS
U.S. vs. Sweden
Ontario vs. Pacific
At Tecumseh, Ont.
SEVENTH PLACE
Atlantic vs. Czech Republic
At LaSalle, Ont.
NINTH PLACE
Germany vs. West
FIFTH PLACE
Quebec vs. Russia
Today's games
At Windsor, Ont.
THIRD PLACE
Semifinal Losers, 2 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Semifinal Winners, 7 p.m.

2012 WORLD WOMEN'S U-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

At Prerov and Zlin, Czech Republic
Yesterday's results
At Prerov, Czech Republic
Canada 7 Finland 0
Germany 6 Switzerland 1
At Zlin, Czech Republic
Sweden 6 Russia 2
U.S. 13 Czech Republic 1
Today's games
At Zlin, Czech Republic
QUARTER-FINALS
Sweden vs. Finland, 9 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA BOWL GLANCE

All Times Eastern
Last night's result
SUGAR BOWL
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2)
Monday's results
TICKETCITY BOWL
At Dallas
Houston 30 Penn State 14
CAPITAL ONE BOWL
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 30 Nebraska 13
OUTBACK BOWL
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan State 33 Georgia 30 (3OT)
GATOR BOWL
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida 24 Ohio State 17
ROSE BOWL
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon 45 Wisconsin 38
FIESTA BOWL
At Glendale, Ariz.
Oklahoma State 41 Stanford 38 (OT)
Tonight's game
ORANGE BOWL
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 8 p.m.
Friday's game
COTTON BOWL
At Arlington, Texas
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
BBVA COMPASS BOWL
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Southern Methodist (7-5), Noon
Sunday, Jan. 8
GODADDY.COM BOWL
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 9 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
At New Orleans
Louisiana State (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21
EAST-WEST SHRINE CLASSIC
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, TBA
Saturday, Jan. 28
SENIOR BOWL
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4
TEXAS VS. NATION
At San Antonio, Texas
Texas vs. Nation, 2 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

WILD-CARD

Saturday's games
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 8
Atlanta at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

NBA

Last night's results
Charlotte at Cleveland
Atlanta at Chicago
Portland at Oklahoma City
Sacramento at Memphis
Milwaukee at Utah
Houston at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Phoenix 102 Golden State 91
Boston 100 Washington 92
Indiana 108 New Jersey 94
Detroit 89 Orlando 78
Atlanta 100 Miami 92
Toronto 90 New York 85
Minnesota 106 San Antonio 96
Dallas 100 Oklahoma City 87
Denver 91 Milwaukee 86
Utah 94 New Orleans 90
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester City	20	15	3	2	56	16	48
Manchester Utd	19	14	3	2	49	17	45
Tottenham	19	13	3	3	36	20	42
Chelsea	20	11	4	5	39	25	37
Arsenal	20	11	3	6	36	28	36
Liverpool	20	9	7	4	24	18	34
Newcastle	19	8	6	5	26	25	30
Stoke	20	8	5	7	22	31	29
Norwich	20	6	7	7	30	35	25
Sunderland	20	6	6	8	27	23	24
Everton	18	7	3	8	19	20	24
Swansea	20	5	8	7	20	23	23
Aston Villa	20	5	8	7	22	26	23
Fulham	20	5	8	7	22	26	23
West Brom	20	6	4	10	19	28	22
Wolverhampton	20	4	5	11	22	36	17
QPR	20	4	5	11	19	35	17
Wigan	20	3	6	11	18	41	15
Blackburn	20	3	5	12	29	43	14
Bolton	19	4	1	14	23	42	13

Yesterday's results
Manchester City 3 Liverpool 0
Tottenham 1 West Bromwich Albion 0
Wigan 1 Sunderland 4

SPAIN

COPA DEL RAY

FIFTH ROUND — FIRST LEG
(Home teams listed first)
Yesterday's results
Albacete 0 Athletic Bilbao 0
Alcorcon 2 Levante 1
Mirandes 2 Racing 0
Real Madrid 3 Malaga 2

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4Motion

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Obviously the R is a true driver's car and that means a firm-riding, body-roll-reducing suspension, added braking power and a businesslike interior with well-bolstered front seats (covered in leather), aluminum pedals and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Transmission

The R's sole transmission is a six-speed manual, which is somewhat surprising given that the German automaker already builds a faster-shifting state-of-the-art paddle-operated manual gearbox for use in other Golf models.

Still, VW claims that the stick-shift R will hit 100 km/h in less than six seconds, which is quick enough for most folks. Be advised, however, that the R takes premium fuel.

Engine

The engine is a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder generating 256 horsepower and 243 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, the GTI, now relegated to being the second sportiest Golf on the lot, also comes with a 2.0-litre turbo-four, but it's rated at 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque.

Credit for the R's extra spunk goes to the turbocharger system that delivers considerably more boost than the GTI's.

▶ These 18-inch wheels are unique to the Golf R while the ride height is a bit more than half an inch lower than that of the GTI.

Volkswagen's pumped up kicks

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When it comes to constructing the "hot-hatch" Golf R, Volkswagen certainly knows a thing "R" two.

The automaker is able to call up the requisite firepower and related performance content from its parts bins to build the kind of machine that will attract new fans to the brand that might otherwise end up at a Mitsubishi, Subaru or BMW/Mini store.

Volkswagen has been down the high-output road with the Golf before, specifically for the 2008 model year with the short-lived (and not for Canada) R32, with its 250-horsepower V-6 and all-wheel-drive. Now the automaker returns in early 2012 with yet another pumped-up Golf-based model designed to thrill and delight the North American masses, or at least those who appreciate a tightly-proportioned vehicle that can haul like the dickens in every sense of the word.

For Canadian consumption, there's a total allocation of 500 R models and all are four-door hatchbacks.

Other cars might make more content available, from blind-spot warning systems to intuitive/active cruise control, but the Golf R is having none of it. It concentrates on enriching the driving experience through generous helpings of power without ballooning the price through indiscriminate applications of luxury fluff and superfluous safety gadgetry.

On that basis alone, the R is tough to beat.

▶ Fully decked out, the Golf cockpit is far from cheap looking.

▶ The R is a traditional hatchback with plenty of details such as these LED taillights.

VW Golf R

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Golf R:

- **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (256).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual.
- **Market position:** By its very nature, the Golf R will be a limited-production model designed to bring attention to the Golf line in general, and specifically to Volkswagen's expertise in creating high-performance automobiles.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.0/8.5 (est.).

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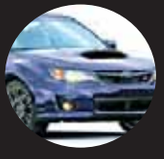
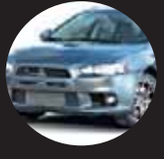
By comparison

Subaru Impreza WRX STI
Base price: $39,900
Rally-bred all-wheel-driver available in sedan and wagon formats.



Mitsubishi Evolution
Base price: $43,600
Lancer-based sedan closely matched with Subaru WRX STI.



Mini Cooper JCW
Base price: $39,000
Peppy, FWD hatch is a salute to Mini's half-century racing heritage.

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Infiniti's shot at best-of-the-best sedans

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Comprising the top-end of Nissan's luxury brand, the last-generation Infiniti M-Series models were available to Canadian shoppers from 2006 to 2010.

Big and luxurious, the M models were Infiniti's shot at some of the best flagship sedans from BMW, Audi and Lexus.

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2006 to 2010 Infiniti M

Engine

Power came from a 3.5-litre V-6 or a 4.5-litre V-8 — hence the "35" or "45" in the vehicle's name. Output from the V-6 was rated between 275 and 297 horsepower, while the V-8 generated between 325 and 335, depending on the year. Automatic transmissions were standard, and AWD was available.

What owners like

Owners typically rave about an exceptional interior, high comfort levels, performance, and a great-sounding engine. A high relative value factor and a long list of high-tech toys round out the positives.

What owners dislike

Owner complaints typically centre around fuel mileage, a "fussy" Bluetooth interface, road noise and a stiff ride on some models.

Common issues

Double check for proper operation of all electronic toys — including the navigation system, Bluetooth interface, stereo system and intelligent key. If a xenon headlamp is burnt out, negotiate to have it replaced before purchase, as they aren't cheap.

Verdict

No major or systematic issues related to the M's drivetrain were apparent — and most known issues should be easy to diagnose and repair.

Consider a used M35 and M45 alongside models like the BMW 5-Series and Audi A6.

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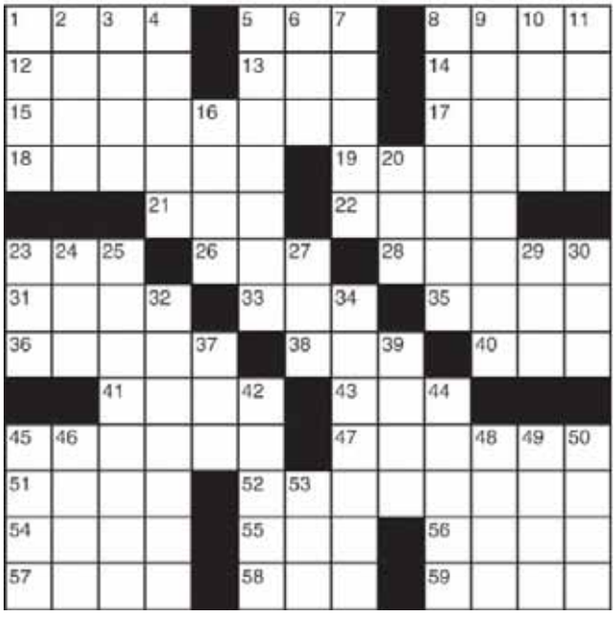

Across

1 Gaucho's weapon
5 Apprehend
8 "Little Women" woman
12 Related (to)
13 Ostrich's cousin
14 La Scala solo
15 Back to zero, on "Wheel of Fortune"
17 Bantu language
18 Grommet
19 Small church
21 Listener
22 Warmth
23 Despondent
26 Water barrier
28 Place for a watch
31 Overly proper one
33 Fleur-de- —
35 Unmatched
36 Supermarket section
38 Mimic
40 Big Apple abbr.
41 Freeway access
43 Blond shade
45 Fluffy dessert
47 Paycheck increases
51 Swiss mountains
52 All of a sudden
54 Ceremony
55 Bill and —
56 Agony
57 Throw
58 "In what way?"
59 Curved molding

Down

1 Movie about a pig
2 Fine
3 Fragment of dialogue
4 Monitor location, maybe
5 On neither side
6 Pump up the volume
7 Sundance's pal
8 Charity events
9 Volcanic outbreak
10 Mah-jongg piece
11 Drag behind
16 Peruse
20 Chop
23 Hot tub
24 "Entourage" role
25 Causes chaos, maybe
27 Actress Farrow
29 Crafty
30 Sleuth, slangily
32 Optician's product
34 Small songbird
37 Type measures
39 Birthright barterer
42 Clingstone, e.g.
44 Zoo favourite
45 Shopping centre
46 Medley
48 Unescorted
49 Author Wiesel
50 "Auld Lang —"
53 Halloween shout

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	9		7		4		1	
	3	1	9		5	2	6	
2			5		3			4
		3	4		8	6		
7			2		1			5
	5	6	1		7	3	2	
	8		6		9		4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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1	4	9	8	2	6	3	5	7

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 A small but important detail that has been overlooked.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Can you believe what your inner voice tells you? Of course you can.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You need to read between the lines.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone you think you can trust will make what seems like a reasonable suggestion today, but if you act on what they say you may regret it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Honesty is a must today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what it is you want to be doing but you can't seem to make a start.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Whatever good ideas you have today and tomorrow you would be wise to keep them to yourself for the time being.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you stay cool and act rationally today you won't go far wrong.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The more outrageous your ideas today the better.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your thoughts will be all over the place today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Loved ones may want what is best for you, but what if it does not coincide with what you want for yourself? SALLY BROMPTON

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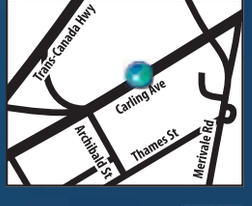

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